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SUBJECT: FUNERAL CEREMONIES FOR AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT

1. PRESIDENT JONAS WAS BURIED AFTERNOON APRIL 29, FOLLOWING IMPRESSIVE STATE FUNERAL CEREMONIES WHICH INCLUDED SOLEMN SESSION OF PARLIAMENT AND GOVERNMENT, EULOGY BY CHANCELLOR KREISKY, ONE-MILE FUNERAL CORTEGE ALONG VIENNA'S MAIN THOROUGHFARE AND FINAL BRIEF RITES AT CRYPT OF PRESIDENTS AT MAIN CEMETERY FOR FAMILY AND CLOSE FRIENDS. CEMETERY SERVICES TOOK FORM LARGELY OF POLITICAL EULOGY TO AND LEAVE-TAKING OF SOCIALIST PARTY STALWART.

2. CHANCELLOR KREISKY HOSTED RECEPTION EARLY EVENING OF SAME DAY FOR MEMBERS OF FOREIGN DELEGATIONS TO STATE FUNERAL AND DINNER LATER SAME EVENING FOR THOSE FOREIGN DELEGATIONS REMAINING OVERNIGHT IN VIENNA.

3. THIRTY-THREE FOREIGN DELEGATIONS ATTENDED STATE FUNERAL, EIGHT OF WHICH WERE HEADED BY CHIEFS OF STATE (WEST GERMANY, ITALY, SWITZERLAND, LIECHTENSTEIN, FINLAND, HUNGARY, EAST GERMANY, POLAND). CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BULGARIA, ROMANIA AND THE USSR ALSO SENT HIGH-RANKING DELEGATIONS. PRESENCE OF SUCH HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES FROM WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES WAS INTERPRETED BY VIENNA PRESS, NO DOUBT AT SUGGESTION OF MFA,  
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AS RECOGNITION OF CORRECTNESS OF AND RESPECT FOR AUSTRIAN

NEUTRALITY WHICH JONAS HAD LABORED SO EFFECTIVELY TO PROMOTE.  
ALSO ATTENDING CEREMONIES WERE UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM AND DELEGATIONS FROM COUNCIL OF EUROPE, EC AND OECD.

4. U.S. SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATION, HEADED BY JAMES ROOSEVELT, WAS EXTENDED ALL APPROPRIATE HONORS AND COURTESIES BY GOA. FONMIN KIRCHLAEGGER WELCOMED DELEGATION AT AIRPORT ARRIVAL AND DELEGATION TOOK PART PROMINENTLY IN ALL CEREMONIES EXCEPT FINAL RITES AT CEMETERY AT WHICH AMBASSADOR AND MRS. HUMES, AS CLOSE FRIENDS OF JONAS', WERE PRESENT.

5. EXCERPTS FROM CONDOLENCE MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY WERE HIGHLIGHTED IN MEDIA IN LAST DAYS BEFORE STATE FUNERAL AND INTRODUCTION OF U.S. DELEGATION TO CHANCELLOR KREISKY AND MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT AT EVENING RECEPTION APRIL 29 WAS GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE BY AUSTRIAN TV. IN VIEW OF VARIOUS LIMITING FACTORS INVOLVED, U.S. DELEGATION REPRESENTED PRESIDENT AND AMERICAN NATION EXTREMELY WELL AND EMBASSY EXTRACTED MAXIMUM POSSIBLE ADVANTAGE FROM SITUATION.  
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